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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Official Action mailed July 30, 2004 has been carefully considered. Claim 29 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's formal objections thereto. No new matter has been added to subject application as a result of the changes made thereto.

Claims 21-33 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated Huang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,718,274). Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is in error.

Applicants wish to point out at that the '274 patent claims priority to Application Serial No. 09/536,578 filed on March 28, 2000. The '274 patent likewise claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/147,544 filed on August 5, 1999, Provisional Application No. 60/161,249 filed on October 25, 1999 and Provisional Application No. 60/174,948 filed January 7, 2000.

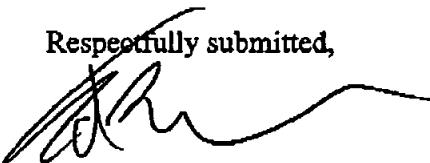
As previously stated, the present application also claims priority to Application Serial No. 09/536,578 filed on March 28, 2000 and the aforementioned provisional applications. Indeed, the '578 application is the parent case to the '274 patent and the present case. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the '274 patent cannot qualify as prior art under any section of 35 USC § 102, and thus, the Examiner's rejection based on this reference is in error.

Having dealt with all of the objections raised by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Thus, early allowance is earnestly solicited.

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In the event the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560. In the event any additional fees are payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

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